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John Frederick Lewis, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:

May I respectfully call attention to a matter in which I feel sure you will be interested. Among the choice possessions of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts is a frame containing twenty-three Syracusan decadrahms, presented by Mr. Earle a number of years ago. Owing to the fact that they are embedded in a frame of black velvet, and probably owing to other conditions, they are becoming sadly discolored, and in danger of permanent injury. Mr. Newell, our president, has examined them recently, and he agrees that the pieces will suffer if something is not done immediately.

Our Society would be very glad to undertake the examination and cleaning of these pieces, should that be found desirable if you will have the collection sent here. Would you care to take steps toward having the group properly published?

Because of the importance of these pieces, we feel that we should be failing in our responsibilities if we did not call attention to the conditions which I have attempted to describe above.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your courteous letter of May 9th and will bring the same to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Academy. I personally, however, would not have the precious coins "cleaned" if they were my own property and would not care to recommend to the Board to have them cleaned, nor would I be willing to allow the collection to leave the Academy building.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,

JFL/C.